

## DRIVEN FROM GAME, HE HAD HOUSE PULLED

Man Charged With Cheating at Poker Tells Police About Gambling Over Marchetti's.

### POLICE CATCH ALL IN RAID

Confectioner Said He Simply Let Friends Have Room for Social Pastime.

Driven from a poker game in which he is said to have been caught while slipping a card from the bottom of the deck, one of seven alleged gamblers, early yesterday morning left the room in which the crowd was assembled, and reported the proprietor of the house, Louis Marchetti, to No. 906 East Main Street, to the police. At 4 o'clock the bluecoats broke in on the game, captured the table stakes, and took Marchetti and Carl Fritzsche to the First Police Station, where were waiting a number of men who were charged with running a common gaming house were sworn out. "The Fountain," as the confectioner's establishment is called, has long been under surveillance of Major Werner, but this son of Italy, until yesterday, had been a little too shrewd. It is said that the first known of the existence of a game was several days ago, when occupants of rooms in the Mutual Building saw men playing cards on the second floor of the house across the street, and that they made the report.

**Playbills Felled Them.**  
The raid was made by Sergeant Amos and Privates Toler, Matthews and Duffy, each of whom has an interesting story to tell of the confectioner's surprise when his door opened, and of his fear when heavy hands were laid on his shoulder, and the command was given: "Get ready to go with us." The front windows of the room in which the game was being played were indulged in their pastime are covered with playbills, and from the outside have the appearance of vacancy. This the police say, was a ruse, which had fooled them.

"What day was that? What day did you go?" queried the Italian Marchetti, yesterday. "I let the boys go upstairs for a little social game, and now I'm in for it. I don't run a gambling house. What they got me charged with is the whole thing, and me a citizen, too. Just cause some men go to cheat, all de trouble comes. But I got a lawyer, and I hope I get out of it from Mr. Crutchenfield."

Marchetti says that the poker players went to the room Saturday night, and that they had never been there before. The police say they had been wondering for some time about the game, but did not suspect at first that the men entered through Marchetti's store.

**A Downtown Raid.**  
Almost simultaneously with the raid in Main Street, another squad of First Station men were at work on a case in which a large crowd of alleged gamblers were hot at it in No. 7 North Seventh Street. The raid was conducted by Sergeant Brown and the result was equally as successful as had been the seizure higher up town. There were three arrests.

Louis Ball, Lonnie Bethel and Tom Davis are charged with being proprietors of the game. Their attorneys claim that they hold a license allowing them to conduct a chartered club, which, they say, will be produced in Police Court to-day.

Whether or not there is really a license, the police do not know, but the name of the club is not given. The alleged gambling house proprietors were bailed soon after reaching the station house.

### TO UPLIFT WOMEN

**Move to Give Shopgirls Same Advantages as the Men.**

Estimating that there are working in the factories, stores and offices of this city 10,000 women and girls, who are in need of just the class of physical and moral training as is being given the men by the Young Men's Christian Association, the Women's Christian Association, under the direction of Mrs. A. Beirne Blair, is initiating a move to employ for two years a general secretary who will take up the work. It is expected that she will begin work here by February 1st.

Experience of other cities shows that after the first two years the secretary is self-supporting. In behalf of the association Mrs. Blair is asking the business men of the city to contribute to the move as they have done in the case of the men. In order to secure a competent woman to take up the work, it will be necessary to raise \$2,000 per year for two years. Attention is called to the fact that outside of the work done in the boarding department of the association, which is now overtaxed, practically nothing is being done for the large army of women who are merely in need of such physical and moral training that will make them of more service to their employers, and every improving their conditions in every other way.

### SPEAK IN POOL ROOMS

**Mr. and Mrs. Asher Will Conduct Services in the Tuxedo To-night.**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Asher will hold at 8 o'clock evangelistic services similar to those conducted in the barroom of Murphy's Hotel last Friday night, when this unusual class of religious work was initiated here with so much success. Later on visits will be made to several of the bowling alleys. The work in this direction will be kept up by Mr. Asher and his wife all during the Christmas season. The service at noon they held services at the Southern Railway car shops in Manchester.

Yesterday afternoon they went to the penitentiary, where Mrs. Asher addressed the women and her husband the men. Later, in company with Congressman John Lamb, they visited the convict road camp in Chesterfield county, and then completed a strenuous day of labor in "The King's Business" by addressing a large overflow meeting at St. Andrew's Church last night.

### PRESIDENT WILL RETIRE

**Is Not a Candidate for Re-election to Head of State Fair Association.**  
The Virginia State Fair Association will meet at Murphy's Hotel to-night at 8 o'clock for the election of officers. Hon. Henry C. Stuart, president of the association since its foundation, will not be a candidate for re-election.

The reports will show the fair of last fall to have been most successful, and steps will be taken to plan an early campaign for the exhibition of this year.

## FIVE TRIBUTE TO EDGAR ALLAN POE

Centenary of Poet's Birth to Be Celebrated at University of Virginia.

Edgar Allan Poe's alma mater, the University of Virginia, has made ready to celebrate the centenary of the famous poet's birth by an elaborate series of exercises, beginning Saturday next, and lasting for several days. Many persons distinguished in the literary world will unite with the University of Virginia in paying due meed to its honored son, and hundreds of other distinguished guests will come from far and wide to be present at the celebration.

The Poe Memorial Association, which was planning to hold in Richmond, where the poet spent much of his life, exercises to his memory, has decided to hold no formal exercises in this city, but to send representatives to Charlottesville, the extensive program prepared there, as one of the directors of the association expressed it a few days ago, being considered sufficient. The same director voiced the hope that the proposed monument to Poe in Richmond, for which the city authorities have given the site, will be erected within another year.

**No. 13 West Range.**  
With the opening on Saturday next of the Museum in No. 13 West Range, the room occupied by Poe while he was a student at the university, designated by a bronze tablet as "The Small Home of a Great Poet," the centenary exercises will begin. In this museum, which will be open from January 16th to January 23d, will be exhibited all of the mementoes of Poe available in the university, and also many which have been borrowed for the occasion.

The celebration proper will begin Saturday evening, when the Jefferson Literary Society, of which the university's greatest literary genius was a member, will hold appropriate exercises. On Sunday evening Rev. Dr. W. A. Barr, of Lynchburg, will preach in the college chapel.

**The Raven Society.**  
The Raven Society, the undergraduate honor society of the university, named for the most celebrated poem of Poe, will have charge of the exercises to be held on Monday evening in Cabell Hall. An organ interpretation of "The Raven," musical rendition of others of Poe's poems, stereopticon views of the old university, an address, and recitations will constitute the program.

On Tuesday, the 19th, one hundred years to a day after the birth of Poe, the celebration will reach its climax and assume an international import. This day will be the grand finale of the centenary. Poe's influence not only on American literature and letters, but on foreign literature will be the subject of addresses.

**Poe's Place in Literature.**  
Professor George Edward, of Northwestern University, recently of Munich, Germany, at the morning exercises in Madison Hall, will deliver an address on "Poe and German Literature," while Dr. Alcee Fortier, of Tulane University, New Orleans, will speak in French on "Poe's Influence on French Literature."

In the evening Professor Barrett Womwell, of Harvard University, known in Europe almost as well as in this country, will deliver an address on "The Nationalism of Poe," and Dr. Charles Alphonse Smith, of the University of North Carolina, a distinguished Southern student of Poe's life and letters, will speak on "Poe's Influence on Southern Literature." English tributes to Poe in verse and prose will be read.

As a fitting close to the exercises of the day, memorial medals will be presented to those who, by their labors, have added materially to the fixing of Poe's name in the minds of the people, and to the furthering of Poe's reputation as a man of letters.

### SCREAMED FOR HELP

**Mrs. Duggins Frightened When Attempt Made to Enter Her Home.**

Attracted by screams from the second story front window of No. 17 West Clay Street, several police officers, at the assistance of Mrs. Samuel E. Duggins, who had been frightened by noises on her back porch, went to the front of the house. Mrs. Duggins had not been mistaken, but that an attempt to enter the house had been made. The intruder had been made. She was alone in the house, with several small children, and when Mrs. Duggins saw that once before, soon after her husband left home, she heard noises on the porch, which had frightened her, but she did not say anything about them, for fear it would startle the little ones.

### RETURN HOME TO FIND IT ROBBED

**Pine-Street Citizen Loses Jewelry and Money While at Chapman Meeting.**

G. C. Dillard and family, of No. 109 South Pine Street, returned from the Chapman-Alexander meeting in the City Auditorium last night to find that their house, which they had left dark, was lighted in every room, and that the door had been broken open. The house had been broken open by burglars. The home had been ransacked from basement to garret, and everything left in utter confusion.

Several pieces of jewelry were missing, and clothing left scattered in the path of the intruders. Indicates that they were not after cumbersome articles. Among the articles stolen was a gold bracelet, a hairloom, which had been in possession of the family for more than fifty years, and which descended to the oldest daughter of each successive generation. A gold watch and child's bank, containing several dollars, were among other things stolen.

It is believed that the robbers were frightened off before they finished their work, as in a room on the parlor floor a pile of things that had been collected was left behind. Mr. Dillard said that a woman, Thirman, who was sent out on the case, that a stranger had called at the house in the afternoon, and had inquired about a former occupant.

## DID BECK INDORSE BOLLING'S PLANS?

Building Inspector Member of Water Committee When Flume Contract Was Awarded.

### MILLS TO BE HEARD TO-NIGHT

Present Head of Water Committee Opposed Crouse Contract for Concrete Tube.

Star witnesses before the flume investigating committee to-night will be Chairman Morgan R. Mills, of the present Water Committee, and Building Inspector Henry P. Beck, a former member of the Board of Aldermen, and member of the Water Committee at the time the plans for the settling basin flume were approved. Alderman Moncure is the only other member of the committee who has not yet appeared. City Engineer Bolling has indicated that he would take the witness stand again to clear up some points brought out in the testimony of other witnesses, and he may introduce one or two witnesses in his own behalf.

Chairman Mills, of the present Water Committee, has been an active member of the committee since the beginning of work on the settling basin. He is on record as having opposed, both in the committee and the Council, the concrete flume, being an advocate for the use of cast-iron pipe line, to which the committee will now no doubt have to come.

**Inspector Beck to Testify.**  
Many people are looking forward to the testimony of Building Inspector Beck, who was last year a candidate for the position of City Engineer against Mr. Charles E. Bolling. Mr. Beck is an engineer by profession, and has had experience in reinforced concrete.

Former Councilman Walter Morton, in his testimony Saturday afternoon, brought it out that Mr. Beck was a member of a subcommittee of which he was chairman, which recommended the plans for the concrete flume, and brought before the committee the plan for having the Winston Company, A. Barr, of Lynchburg, erect the flume on a 10 per cent basis, the city taking the risk of high water.

Should Mr. Beck be put to the same examination as former Chairman John Mann, Jr., and Councilman Morton were subjected to on Saturday afternoon, his testimony would throw light on the situation. Should he testify that he examined the plans and approved them, it will add the weight of his engineering experience to that of Mr. Bolling as to the character of the plans. Certainly members of the committee relied on Mr. Beck's technical knowledge.

**Morton's Statement.**  
Former Councilman Morton said last night: "Mr. Beck was a member of the committee, and I understood that he approved the plans. I know also that Mr. Bolling conferred with engineers elsewhere before completing the plans for the flume."

"I wish you would make it plain," continued Mr. Morton, "that my statement before the investigating committee on Saturday was an attack on the plans of city government, not on individual men. I made no reference to any member of the Council, and called no names. I think it was former Alderman Zimmerman who said that certain members of the lower branch had caused delay."

Mr. Bolling's statement, with such evidence as he may care to introduce, will close the general evidence. The committee is in correspondence with one or more expert engineers, who may be asked to pass on the engineering phase of the plans as drawn. These experts may submit written opinions without coming to Richmond. It would be almost useless to have them examine the present flume, as its utter uselessness and the numerous defects in its construction have already been established.

With the stenographic record of the evidence before it, the committee can then begin the formulation of its report to the Council.

### CASE AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR

Members of the city council against the contractor will be pressed, as, according to City Attorney Pollard, the fact that the city inspectors were apparently incompetent, and possibly negligent, does not relieve the contractor of the legal obligation to build a workmanlike job, free from defects, and, according to the contract, guaranteed to be kept in order for one year.

Attorneys for the Crouse Construction Company have indicated that they will base their defense largely on the allegation that the plans were not such as would produce a water-tight tube. Successful contravention of this point will be in itself a vindication of City Engineer Bolling, author of the plan for the concrete flume.

### TO FORCE FIGHT ON PLAYGROUNDS

**Alderman Mitchell Says Ordinance Must Stand or Fall as It Is.**

Discussion of the playground ordinance in the Board of Aldermen to-morrow night bids fair to be the most lively debate the present Council has seen. The situation has been acute for some weeks, and about the City Hall the merest passing remark about playgrounds brings on heated and bitter discussions. Several members of the Board have announced that they will consent to no compromise; that the matter will be fought out on its merits, and win or lose as a whole.

"If any so-called ward bosses of Richmond want to force a fight, said Alderman Mitchell last night, let them come on. We are going to put a playground at Seabrook's Warehouse, or we are going to let the people of Richmond know why the children can't have them, and who it is that interferes with legislation. I believe, however, that the Board will pass the measure as it is. To amend it and send it back to the Council would be to let it up indefinitely, and to reopen the way for every Councilman to denounce the playground in his neighborhood. I believe amendments at this time would kill the project."

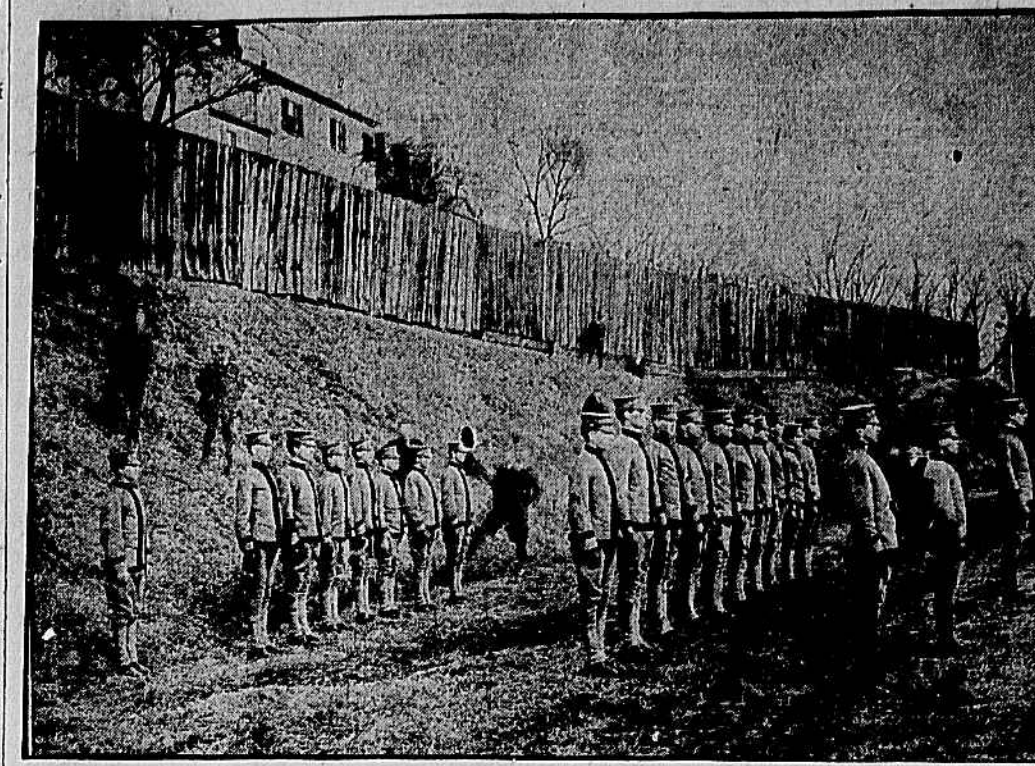
### MANY POSSIBILITIES

**Deadlock in Illinois May Show Some Surprises During Week.**  
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., January 10.—With a deadlock of the Illinois Legislature, the upper branch fully organized to transact business, and the lower barred under the present interpretation of the law, the prospects for the Senate's regular routine because the Senate refuses to meet the House in joint session, the possibilities for the coming week in Springfield are many.

The immediate cause of the deadlock is the refusal of the Senate to enter a joint session to canvass the votes cast for State officers at the November election, but behind this cause is a suspicion in the minds of the friends of Governor Charles S. Deneen that such a joint session would start a contest over the governorship, which might put the Democrats, with the aid of insurgent Republicans, in a position to oust him from the gubernatorial seat by technicalities and place Adlai B. Stevenson, Democrat, in the Governor's Mansion.

The senatorial election, on which depends the toga of Senator Albert J. Hopkins, who was endorsed for re-election by a primary vote, is one of the angles of the entanglement.

## DIXIE GRAYS, READY FOR CALL TO "FRONT"



## D. PERLIN ROBBED OF MANY JEWELS

Burglar Breaks Into House During Absence of Family and Gets \$400 Worth.

Returning home after 12 o'clock this morning, Mr. D. Perlin, of 608 East Grace Street, found the house wide open, a pane in one of the rear windows out, the cellar window broken, the back door ajar and \$400 worth of jewelry stolen.

The burglar, evidently a professional, must have entered at 9 o'clock or thereabouts, for Dr. Scott, next door, heard a noise in the house at that time, but thought nothing more of it, not knowing that the family was out. Entry was effected by cutting a hole old enough to be enlisted in the Virginia militia. However, it has a commission from the Mayor to drill and appear on the streets of Richmond. The uniforms are of the military khaki, trimmed with black braid.

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Dixie Grays, Richmond's Boy Military Organization, Has Plan for Greater Things.

An effort is being made by the Dixie Grays, Richmond's boy military organization, to enlist another company, to be composed of the leading boys of the city. The present command consists of thirty-four officers and men, and thus far the company has been a pronounced success. The members take a great deal of interest in their work, and they hope to be able to organize a second company so that they can make a much better showing when appearing in parades and on other occasions.

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Members of Seventh Street Christian Church Show Appreciation of Mr. MacLachlan's Work.

Though he has been pastor only ten months, the congregation of the Seventh Street Christian Church at its annual meeting yesterday afternoon, increased the salary of the Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan \$500 per annum. This and other marks of appreciation were enthusiastically voted by his membership. The following board of deacons was re-elected: G. B. Feasley, H. C. Brown, R. M. Kent and A. W. Hankins.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. C. W. Throckmorton, one of the elders, and superintendent of the Sunday school. Reports of the different officers showed that the affairs of the church were in the most healthy condition in all departments. The membership, after a revision of the roll, numbers 545. The report of Treasurer Walter Holladay showed receipts of \$1,425.66. Mr. W. L. Snyder, treasurer of the relief committee, reported disbursements during the year of \$288.83, of which \$100.54 went to parties not members of this church.

The Ladies Aid Society, of which Mrs. L. C. Daniel is president, collected \$112.28, and reported a balance on hand of \$112.28. This society, with the help of the Girls' Club, which raised \$250, placed in the church the handsome stained glass windows, which cost \$800, and has also assumed about \$500 of the church debt. Miss Hester Tabb is president of the Girls' Club.

Secretary F. C. Carr, of the Sunday school, reported a reorganization of the school on October 1st. Since that time sixty-two new members have been added, making the roll at the present time 227, exclusive of officers and teachers.

Mr. T. Garnett Tabb, treasurer of the school, reported receipts of \$1,557.35, and a balance on hand of \$40.62. The Children's Day offering for missions amounted to \$548.66, while the church and the Sunday school together gave about \$4,100 to missions and other benevolent causes.

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